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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

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## MINUTES March 16, 2011

COMMISSIONERS	ORGANIZATION	EMS AGENCY STAFF	POSITION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Pratt, MD	American Heart Association	Cathy Chidester	Director, EMS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jon Thompson	LA County Fire Chiefs Assn.	Kay Fruhwirth	Assistant Director, EMS
<input type="checkbox"/> Robert Flashman	LACMA	Bill Koenig, M.D.	Medical Director, EMS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lt. Andres Ramirez	Peace Officers Assn.	Marilyn Rideaux	Commission Liaison
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ray Mosack	Calif. State Firefighters' Assn.	Paula Rashi	EMS Staff
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Austin	LA Ambulance Assn	Lucy Adams	" "
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carole Snyder	Emergency Nurses Assn.	Christine Bender	" "
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Margulies, MD	LA Surgical Society	Elaine Forsyth	" "
<input type="checkbox"/> Chaim Kolodny	Public Member, 1 <sup>st</sup> District	Susan Mori	" "
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<input type="checkbox"/> Daryl Parrish	League of California Cities	John Telmos	" "
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clayton Kazan, M.D.	CAL/ACEP		

**GUESTS**

Chief Robert Barnes	LAAPCA	Kristine Cone	APCC
Jaime Garcia	HASC	Evie Anguiano	LACOFD
David YBarra	West Coast Ambulance	Ivan Veraste	
Kevin Costa	Pasadena Fire Department		

Exc = excused

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, David Austin, at 1:03 p.m. in the EMS Commission Hearing Room, 10100 Pioneer Blvd, Santa Fe Springs, 90670. With a quorum being declared, self introductions were made starting the EMSC members, EMS Agency Staff, and members of the audience.

## INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None

## CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed on the Consent Calendar were approved without exception.

**MSC: Commissioner Ramirez/Snyder to approve all items on the Consent Calendar.**

## 5. BUSINESS (Old Business)

### 5.1 Status of Policy Initiatives

- Improving Transportation Mechanism of 5150 Detainees by Law Enforcement  
No update.

- *Augmenting EMS Commission Membership*  
Ms. Chidester reported that the draft ordinance has been completed and is expected to go to the Board of Supervisors for adoption before the next EMSC meeting.
- *Physician Services for Indigent Patients (PSIP) Auditor-Controller Draft Report*  
Ms. Chidester reported that the Auditor-Controller's report has been completed and is ready to go to the Board of Supervisors. The report includes comments from Department of Health Services as well as the EMS Commission. The report was distributed to the EMS Commission prior to the meeting for review. There was not any discussion on the report.

## **5.2 Pediatric Advisory Committee**

Richard Tadeo reported on the plans for the Pediatric Advisory Committee. A meeting was held to discuss membership and Bylaws for the Committee. This committee will meet quarterly with a schedule similar to the Trauma Hospital Advisory Committee (THAC). The EMS Agency expects to have the membership, bylaws and schedule completed by June or July. Chairman Austin requested that it be presented to the EMSC prior to implementation.

## **(New Business)**

### **5.3 Video/Media Report, ABC-TV**

Paula Rashi presented an ABC-TV news clip on a patient at Huntington Memorial Hospital receiving Hypothermia Treatment. Following Paula's presentation, Dr. William Koenig explained the process of Hypothermia Treatment and the benefit of the procedure.

### **5.4 Chapter 13 Task Force**

Chairman Austin reported that the State EMS Commission (EMSC) formed a subcommittee to review sections 1797.201 and 1797.224 of the Health and Safety Code and make recommendations related to clarifying these sections and the rights afforded under the code. The State EMSC subcommittee made a recommendation to repeal section .201 and incorporate it into section .224. In addition, the subcommittee requested that the State EMSC form a task force to work on regulations that would support legislation. The Task Force has met three times. The Task Force is working on regulations based on the existing statutes. AB 210 introduced by Assembly Member Solorio is moving the proposed language forward. The Task Force is expected to present a report/proposal to the State EMSC in June.

### **5.5 Maddy Fund**

Chairman Austin presented the background on the proposed reductions to the Maddy Fund by the State Budget Committee. There was a proposed ten-percent reduction in the EMS 9-1-1 and other provider funds as well as a last minute decision to transfer \$55 million or half of the Maddy Fund to MediCal. Ms. Chidester stated that the proposed cuts would affect LAC-EMS budget with the Agency losing anywhere for \$4-6 million in annual revenue.

**M/S/C: Commissioner Binch/Pratt that the Emergency Medical Services Commission authorizes its Chairman to sign a memo to the Board of Supervisors which recommends that:**

1. The Board strongly opposes the proposed cut in Maddy/Alarcon Emergency Medical Service funds allocated to counties for indigent emergency care.
2. In the event that the cut is nevertheless made, that the Board seek flexibility in State law regarding the use of the remaining County Maddy/Alarcon funds so that the County can use these limited funds, in consultation with affected constituencies, to best preserve and protect the emergency medical care safety net.

**Action:** Draft letter for Chairman Austin's signature to the Board of Supervisors requesting that it takes a strong oppose on the proposed cut in Maddy/Alarcon Emergency Medical Service funds allocated to counties for indigent emergency care

**Responsibility:** EMS Agency

## 6. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS/REQUESTS

Commissioner Frank Pratt thanked the EMS Agency for its support regarding a recent EMT 1 issue on non-departmental sanctioned entities providing certification for skills.

## 7. LEGISLATION – Cathy Chidester

- AB 74, Public events: Raves: prohibitions. This bill would provide that any person who conducts a public event at night that includes prerecorded music and last longer than 3.5 hours is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$10,000 or twice the actual or estimated gross receipts for the event, whichever is greater. EMSAAC-Watch; L.A. County- no position.
- AB 210, Emergency medical services. This bill would require the establishment of an emergency medical care committee in each county. This is a place holder bill for the work of the State EMSC on .201/.224 to use to introduce legislation. EMSAAC-Watch
- AB 672, Emergency medical services – spot bill
- AB 861, California Stroke Registry. The bill would establish the California Stroke Registry to serve as a centralized repository for stroke data to promote quality improvement for acute stroke treatment. EMSAAC-Watch
- SB 49, Local government: emergency response: fees. This bill would prohibit charging a fee to any person for emergency response, as specified, except where a fee is otherwise authorized. EMSAAC-Watch
- SB 359, Medi-Cal: ground ambulance rates. This bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services, by July 1, 2012, to adopt regulations establishing the Medi-Cal reimbursement rate for ground ambulance services using one of two specified methodologies. EMSAAC-Watch

## 8. EMS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Public Health's information sheet regarding concerns about radiation related to the Japan earthquake and nuclear reactor failure for first responders and a press release regarding ingesting potassium iodide was distributed. Cathy Chidester reported on the EMS Agency's plan for addressing concerns about possible radiation exposure resulting from the incident in Japan. The Agency held a teleconference with Public Health and established a list of duty officers for handling inquiries. Dr. Koenig stated that it is important to reassure providers that they are not at risk when treating a patient with radioactive exposure.

- Cathy Chidester reported that the Ambulance Ordinance continues to move through the process and is ready to go to the Board of Supervisors for approval; however, there is a 30 day public notice requirement, so it will not be on the Board agenda until the end of May or early June.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S/C: Commissioners Washburn/Ramirez to adjourn to the meeting of May 18, 2011.**

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:13 pm to the meeting of May 18, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:            May 18, 2011  
EMS Commission Hearing Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)  
EMS Agency  
10100 Pioneer Blvd.  
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Recorded by;  
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